

# MWay Notes Week 04: Orthopraxy Inviting God Into My Decisions

God deepens our faith when we <u>trust</u> in the things that only God can do and <u>execute</u> on the things that only we can do.

To invite God into our decisions is to give God <u>control</u> of our decisions.

## To make good decisions God must be our ultimate authority.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. [Proverbs 3:5-6]

## Three key verbs...

- 1. Trusting in the Lord.
- 2. Submitting to God.
- Expecting God to lead.

When we submit our lives to God he replaces our understanding with His wisdom.

How God gives us wisdom to make good decisions?

### He gives us the wisdom through his word.

"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." [Proverbs 30:5]

## He gives us the wisdom through the Holy Spirit.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [John 16:13]

## He gives us the wisdom through Godly counsel.

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. [Proverbs 11:14]

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. [Proverbs 12:15]

### He gives us wisdom through a transformed heart.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. [Romans 12:1-2]

### The Bible is clear about life's most critical decision.

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? [Mark 8:36]